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Syria

Security Situation -- In a statement broadcast by Damascus radio, a "responsible source" accused the U.S. State Department of issuing false information on the internal situation in Syria. This new U.S. act of provocation is a "blatant interference in Syria's internal affairs," the statement said, and confirms U.S. relations with the Muslim Brotherhood. Asserting that the internal situation is "solid and normal," the statement described events in Hamah as a campaign to search for weapons and for Muslim Brotherhood hideouts. It said security forces, "enjoying the full support of the citizens," succeeded in confiscating hundreds of weapons and arresting several criminals. Syria invites the U.S. State Department spokesman to visit the country at the government's expense to ascertain that his allegations are false, the statement added.

However, a statement by the leadership of the "Islamic Revolution" in Syria, written in Damascus on 9 February, and broadcast by Baghdad radio's Voice of Arab Syria, said the people of Hamah, led by "mujahidin", had occupied all government, Ba'th Party and military establishments in and around the city, including the military airfield. According to the statement, the rebels, who began their uprising on 2 February, executed about 50 spies and informers and were joined by the 47th Army Brigade, which had been sent to beseige them. Meanwhile, pilots refused to carry out orders to bomb the city. The authorities then sealed off the city and sent the 21st Brigade from Al-Qutayfah to take control of it, the rebel communique said, but mujahidin blocked the attack by blowing up a bridge. In the resulting clashes about 3,000 combatants were killed or wounded, it added. The Islamic Revolution leadership said that Hamah was still in rebel hands and also claimed that the atmosphere in other cities and military bases was very tense, particularly in Latakia and Palmyra. According to reports by AFP and Monte Carlo radio, the Islamic Revolution leadership issued the same communique in Bonn.

AL-BA'TH on Israeli Threats -- In an editorial reported by SANA, AL-BA'TH drew attention to Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon's alleged threat to launch a wide-scale war against southern Lebanon. Asserting that Israeli statements indicate that Syria will be at the center of the forthcoming aggression, AL-BA'TH called for joint Arab action to confront the United States and Israel and to bring about the latter's expulsion from the United Nations.

Egypt

Detentions Decree Suspension, Hunger Strike -- the judicial administrative court suspended the 5 September 1981 presidential decree on national unity, including the order to detain all the persons named in it, and obliged the government to pay all costs, MENA reported. Meanwhile, AFP cited a National Progressive Unionist Grouping (NPUG) communique reporting that six recently arrested leftists have begun a hunger strike.

Mubarak Activities -- Cairo radio reported that President Husni Mubarak briefed the National Democratic Party Political Bureau on the results of his tour of Europe and the United States. According to another radio report, Mubarak subsequently met with leaders of the Socialist Labor Party, the Socialist Liberal Party and the NPUG. MENA reported that NPUG leader Khalid Muhyi ad-Din said afterward that he welcomes Mubarak's explanation of the government's stand toward the Palestinian issue and nonalignment.

Israel

Knesset on UN General Assembly Resolution -- The Knesset approved a resulution denouncing the UN General Assembly resolution on the Golan Heights, Jerusalem radio reported, noting that 42 Alignment and Shinuy MK's had abstained.

Blum Warning -- Ambassador to the United Nations Yehuda Blum has hinted that expulsion of Israel from the organization would affect the UN Middle East peacekeeping mission, Jerusalem radio reported.

Hafiz Visit -- During his tour of the Merkava tank production line, Jerusalem radio reported visiting Egyptian Chief of Staff Lt Gen 'Abd Rab an-Nabi Hafiz said he does not think the time has come for any sort of Israeli-Egyptian military cooperation.

Palestinian Affairs

Citing the Lebanese Communist Party paper AN-NIDA', AFP reported the founding of a Palestinian Communist Party that groups Palestinian communists in Lebanon, expatriate members of the Jordanian Communist Party and Palestinian communists in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The party's first communique, published in AN-NIDA', said the organization considers the PLO the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and the PLO will therefore "play its part" in the new party.

Iran

Khomeyni Address -- Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni, in an address to foreign guests on the occasion of the Islamic revolution's third anniversary, broadcast by Tehran radio, referred to "Muslims who form fronts against Iran," saying that despite Iran's opposition to the United States and Israel, his country has been accused of having friendly relations with Israel while the accusers themselves still wish to recognize it. Maintaining that for over 20 years "we" have been shouting that the Muslims should expel Israel from their midst as a cancerous cell, Khomeyni warned that those who wish to recognize Israel, may fall under its domination.

Security Situation -- A Guards Corps statement carried by Tehran radio said the crops raided 22 Peykar hideouts, wiping out this group's central organization and capturing its leaders.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

An Iraqi communique carried by INA said that Iraqi forces have continued their advance in the Bostan area and need to destroy only one more defense line to gain complete control over Bostan and its surroundings. The communique claimed that from 7 to 10 February 3,010 Iranians and 149 troops were killed on this front. Iraqi airplanes raided the southern sector and Iraqi helicopters attacked retreating Iranians in the Bostan area, all aircraft returning safely to base, while on other fronts 62 Iranians and 4 Iraqis were killed, according to the communique.

Citing the commander of the revolution guards, Tehran radio said the Iraqi attack launched near the Tange-e Chazzabeh mountain pass has been repulsed and the region is no longer threatened. Citing IRNA, the same radio report added that in a 10 February counterattack the Iranians reconquered the third strategic hill in the Tang-e Chazzabeh mountain pass. A communique carried by Tehran radio said two Iraqi planes were downed by Iranian fighters north of Ahvaz. The communique added that Guards Corps units prevented any enemy evacuated from the front area. The communique concluded with the admission of 6 Iranian dead on 8 February.

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EXPRESS SCORES U.S. MOTIVES ON CHOWHAN

BK101403 Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English 6 Feb 82 p 6

[Editorial: "Mr Chowhan's Wanderings"]

[Text] The United States may have its own humanitarian and administrative reasons for issuing a visa to Mr Jagjit Singh Chowhan, the self-appointed president of Khalistan. But, in India this action is bound to be received with much scepticism, not without reason. The government and some Sikh circles apparently believe that Mr Chowhan has been getting clandestine support in the United States and Pakistan to run his separatist movement.

During the 1971 Bangladesh war he did lend a helping hand to Pakistani propaganda by appearing on Pakistan television with the keys of gurdwaras in that country. It was an attempt to show Pakistan's sympathy for Sikh religious concerns and to confuse the Sikhs who were fighting for their country.

After the war Mr Chowhan forgot the gurdwaras in Pakistan and tried to mobilise support for Khalistan among the Sikh community settled in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. He also made an unsuccessful attempt at dislodging the Akalis from the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee when the election for this supreme Sikh religious body was held in the summer of 1979. He then installed a mini radio station on the premises of the Golden Temple to broadcast kirtan flouting the law of the land. In Canada he circulated Khalistan "currency" and issued "passports". The map of Khalistan he published encompassed five Indian states but left Pakistan scrupulously alone.

For want of support in Punjab, Mr Chowhan has been conducting his activities abroad and the union government had to revoke his passport.

Acting on the advice of the union government, Canada has now refused to give political refugee status to Sikhs who were prepared to work for Mr Chowhan in their keeness to migrate to that country. The United States should have shown similar sensitivity to Indian feelings. There is no doubt that he is running a separatist movement, and, by all accounts, he pulled a few strings in the U.S. State Department to obtain a visa. That he had an appointment with a cardiologist in Houston does not appear to be a very convincing reason for allowing him in despite protests by India. Mr Chowhan seems to have a few powerful Republican contacts which could only strengthen Indian doubts over U.S. motives, Washington's assertions notwithstanding.

SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER BEGINS 9-DAY VISIT

Arrival in New Delhi

BK100751 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] The prime minister of Sweden, Thorbjorn Falldin, arrived in New Delhi this morning on a 9-day official visit to India. He was given a ceremonial reception at the airport.

Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi, External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao and a number of other dignitaries received the distinguished visitor. Falldin inspected an interservices guard of honor before driving to Rashtrapati Bhavan. He is accompanied by his wife and ministers of foreign affairs and industry.

The Swedish prime minister is scheduled to meet Mrs Gandhi this afternoon. Their talks are expected to cover East-West relations, the European situation and matters of mutual interest.

Meeting With Gandhi

BK101620 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] Visiting Swedish Prime Minister Falldin and Mrs Indira Gandhi had an hour-long exchange of views on the international economic situation, prospects of disarmament and the situation in the Indian subcontinent in New Delhi today.

Mrs Gandhi told the visiting dignitary that the thrust of India's efforts has been to create an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation in our region.

In the economic sphere, the two prime ministers took stock of the followup action after the Cancun summit and the coming New Delhi consultations in this regard. Mrs Gandhi stressed the importance of South-South cooperation. If the developing countries are to be effective in asking for cooperation from the developed world, they should remain united because only then can their voice be heard.

Falldin was of the view that prospects of global negotiations in the United Nations were not very good. There were, however, some common perceptions between the European Community and the Group of 77.

About disarmament, the two prime ministers had agreed on a need for fresh initiative. Leaders, they felt, must not lose hope. Mrs Gandhi particularly stressed the importance of building trust between nations. She said without that nothing lasting can be achieved, even if some patchwork arrangements are made.

Banquet Speeches

BK100355 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 11 Feb 82

[Text] India and Sweden have expressed strong opposition to foreign intervention in other countries. They have called for constructive efforts to reduce global tension.

Speaking at a banquet in honor of visiting Swedish Prime Minister Falldin in New Delhi last night, Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi also voiced her concern over the induction of new and sophisticated weapons in areas of tension. She wondered how this could further the cause of peace. She said India believes in resolving problems through negotiations and by building mutual trust.

Mrs Gandhi said peace-loving nations like Sweden and the nonaligned countries must continue their endeavor to reduce tensions.

In his reply, the Swedish prime minister said that the principles of the Nonaligned Movement together with those of the United Nation would serve as constant reminders of the universal rights of freedom.

Both the prime ministers also expressed their concern over the lack of progress on global negotiations for a new international economic order.

Falldin referred to the several decades of economic cooperation between India and Sweden and said his country believed that there are scope to further develop this tie.

Meeting With Reddy

BK110757 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 12 Feb 82

[Text] Visiting Prime Minister of Sweden Thorbjorn Falldin and his wife called on President Sanjiva Reddy in Rashtrapati Bhavan this morning. They were with him for about 40 minutes.

SWEDEN PROPOSES WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY

BK110759 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 12 Feb 82

[Text] Sweden has suggested the setting up of an Indo-Swedish working group on energy to identify areas of cooperation between the two countries. The group will study the development of conventional and new energy resources and energy conservation. The suggestion was made by a representative of the Swedish Government at the 2-day Indo-Swedish energy symposium which began in New Delhi today. The proposed group would consist of representatives of the industry and governments of both the countries.

IRAQ'S TARIQ 'AZIZ ARRIVES IN NEW DELHI

BK091632 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 9 Feb 82

[Text] Vice Premier of Iraq Tariq 'Aziz arrived in New Delhi this evening on a 3-day good-will mission. He was received at the airport among others by External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao. Talking to newsmen 'Aziz said he will discuss with the prime minister and other Indian leaders issues of his region. He said he is carrying a verbal message from President Saddam Husayn for Mrs Gandhi.

Arrival Statement

JN091535 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1415 GMT 9 Feb 82

[Text] New Delhi, 9 Feb (INA) -- Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's personal envoy arrived here today to hold talks with senior Indian officials, particularly Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The envoy, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq 'Aziz, said that he will convey an oral message from President Saddam Husayn to Mrs Gandhi and will also hold with her talks on bilateral relations as well as the continued Iranian aggression against Iraq.

Tariq 'Aziz added that he will brief the Indian prime minister on Iraq's ongoing preparations to host the seventh conference of the Nonaligned Movement due to open in Baghdad in September.

He explained that Iraq has invited all the Nonaligned Movement's member-states to attend the conference. Touching on Iraq's sincere efforts to end the war with Iran, Tariq 'Aziz said that Iraq is responding positively to the various efforts of the international and Islamic organizations as well as the Nonaligned Movement to end this war.

He emphasized that Iraq and India have good relations and are both working to further promote these relations. In another development, an INA correspondent here said that the Indian foreign minister has asserted that India attaches special importance to Tariq 'Aziz's visit to India.

Meeting With Gandhi

JN102042 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1945 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] New Delhi, 10 Feb (INA) -- The Indian prime minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi, today received Tariq 'Aziz, President Saddam Husayn's envoy, Revolution Command Council member and deputy prime minister.

In a statement to the INA correspondent in New Delhi after the meeting, Tariq 'Aziz said that he conveyed to Mrs Gandhi an oral message from President Saddam Husayn and that he discussed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest with her.

AFGHAN FORCES KILL PAKISTANI NEAR BORDER

BK101727 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] A Pakistani rickshaw owner and driver of Chaman, Sher Mohammad, was shot and killed by Afghan security forces yesterday while he was on a routine return drive from the border area toward Chaman.

ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN, quoting official sources in Chaman, says he was fired upon and seriously wounded when he reached (Kili Haji Aktar). The residents of the village rushed him to hospital but he succumbed to his injury. The people of the area had expressed their grave resentment and indignation over this provocative act of the Afghan security forces.

SHAHI REPORTS ON DELHI TALKS TO CABINET

BK101621 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Excerpt] The Federal Cabinet held its meeting in Rawalpindi today under the chairmanship of President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq. It was decided in the meeting that there should be no change in the government's present policy on political activities.

Foreign Minister Agha Shahi apprised the Cabinet of developments since the last meeting of the Cabinet. He also apprised the Cabinet of the recent New Delhi talks on Pakistan's proposal for concluding a nonaggression and nonuse of force pact.

The Cabinet applauded the role played by the foreign minister and the members of his delegation in paving the way for concrete negotiations on this issue. The Cabinet hoped that an agreement would shortly be reached which would consolidate bilateral relations and establish peace and security in the region.

FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER ARRIVES IN ISLAMABAD

BK081105 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 8 Feb 82

[Text] French presidential adviser for foreign relations Regis Debray arrived in Islamabad this morning on a 4-day fact-finding mission on the situation of the Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

During his stay, he will have talks with the Pakistani authorities on the Afghan refugees problem and will also visit an Afghan tented village in the Northwest Frontier Province.

Briefing on Refugee Aid

BK100415 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 9 Feb 82

[Text] The French presidential adviser on foreign relations, Debray, has said the people of France will extend maximum cooperation to their Pakistani friends in (?settling) the humanitarian problem of the Afghan refugees. He was talking to the secretaries of states and frontier regions in Islamabad today during his meeting, at which he discussed matters about the temporary rehabilitation and welfare of Afghan refugees.

He appreciated the steps taken by Pakistan for solving the humanitarian problem and expressed the hope that all freedom-loving people of the world would continue to help Pakistan in solving it. He was apprised of the problem being faced by Pakistan in handling the heavy influx of Afghan refugees in the country.

He was informed that humanitarian assistance programs had been launched for their welfare by the Pakistan Government in collaboration with the UN high commissioner for refugees [UNHCR], the world food program and 11 international voluntary agencies. He was also told about the lack of transportation facilities for inland transportation and distrubtion of food and other relief goods and also lack of ambulances.

The French presidential adviser also discussed the refugee situation in general and the requirements of the refugees in particular with the representatives of the UNHCR and the world food program.

3-MEMBER LIBYAN DELEGATION ARRIVES IN PESHAWAR

BK101736 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] Leader of the 3-member Libyan delegation (Ali Saleh) has said that Pakistan and Libya are bound together by the strong and everlasting bonds of Islamic brotherhood and that his country will provide every possible assistance to Pakistan in case of need. He said this while talking to Arbab Mohammad Jahangir Khan, senior minister of Northwest Frontier Province, after his arrival in Peshawar.

(Ali Saleh), who is the head of the foreign office department of fraternal societies, applauded the steps the Pakistan Government has taken to establish an Islamic system in the country.

IRAN INTERESTED IN INCREASING COOPERATION

BK101205 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] The leader of the visiting 10-member Iranian delegation has said his country was interested in increasing cooperation with Pakistan in various fields. (Hojjat ol-Eslam Abbas Wais Abbasi) said this while talking to newsmen at Islamabad Airport on arrival from Lahore this morning.

He said he would deliver a message from the Iranian president to President Mohammad Ziaul Haq during his stay in the federal capital.

IRANIAN DELEGATION DELIVERS MESSAGE TO HAQ

BK110357 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 11 Feb 82

[Text] A five-member Iranian delegation led by (Hojjat ol-Eslam Abbas Wais Abbasi) called on President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi yesterday. They exchanged views with the president on matters of mutual interest. (Hojjat ol-Eslam Abbas Wais Abbasi) also delivered a message of good wishes from Iranian President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i to the president.

PEYKAR SAFE HOUSES RAIDED: LEADERS CAPTURED

LD101930 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Statement issued by the Public Relations Office of the Command Council of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps -- date, place not given]

[Excerpt] We would like to announce to the martyr-nurturing Muslim nation that during the second phase of operations coinciding with the first 10 days following the dawn of the revolution and in continuing the deadly blows dealt during the summer of 1981 to the body of the moribund, antipopular Peykar, carried out thanks to the fully coordinated efforts of our self-sacrificing brothers of the Islamic Revolution Committees and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in a face-to-face battle and during extensive operations against the reactionary, pro-U.S. Peykar organization, 22 dens of corruption and safe houses of this renegade, criminal minigroup -- previously discovered and recognized thanks to the cooperation of the 36-million-strong intelligence organization and comprehensive intelligence work -- were occupied by the Islamic revolution guards. The central organization of this terrorist minigroup has been wiped out and its members have been captured by the Islamic revolution guards. Their names are as follows:

1. 'Ali Reza Sepasi-Ashtiani, alias Da'i, the ringleader and secretary to the central organization. He was one of the founders of one of the minigroups which joined the hypocrites organization in 1969 and in continuing the so-called ideological development of the deviant hypocrites became a Marxist in 1976 and together with the executed Taqi Shahram and a number of other renegades set up the Marxist-Leninist section of the hypocrites organization.

2. Hoseyn Ahmadi Ruhani, alias Sohrab, member of the central organization and second-in-command. He was one of the first members of the hypocrites organization, joining 16 years ago, and also became one of the first Marxist-Leninist members 6 years ago. Starting 14 years ago, he was the organization chief for Mas'ud Rajavi, the traitorous, refugee leader of the hypocrites. Nine years ago he was received by the imam of the Islamic nation in Iraq as the brains behind the hypocrites in order to obtain the imam's support for the deviant hypocrites minigroup by resorting to Imam 'Ali's book "Nahj al-Balaghah" and the Koran.

Mas'ud Jigare'i, alias Jalil, member of the central organization and the official responsible for the regional city, student and pupil organizations of Peykar. He was a member of the central organization of the Peykar organization [words indistinct].

Apart from the said individuals, a large number of cadres, responsible officials, members and candidate-members, together with extremely important quantities of the central organization and intergroup documents, arms, printing equipment and supplies of the moribund Peykar organization were captured by the Islamic revolution guards and the details of the steps carried out and the documents and evidence captured will be brought to the attention of the Islamic nation and Imam Khomeyni's party.

In conclusion, the wakeful and committed Islamic nation together with the selfless and vigilant Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, as a last chance and a final ultimatum, hereby warn the deceived supporters of such organizations that, before being captured and suffering their punishment in this life and in the hereafter, they should abandon their blind subservience to these anti-God and antipopular groups and report as soon as possible to the security and judicial centers; otherwise, they will have no fate other than that of their traitorous leaders and their hypocrite allies. With peace.

CLANDESTINE CLAIMS GUARDS KILLED IN 8 FEB RAID

NC101347 (Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian 0330 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] Reports received from Tehran state that in addition to Abolqasem Dehlavi, four other of Khomeyni's revolution guards were killed during the clashes on Monday. According to the same reports, nine mercenary revolution guards and seven members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization were seriously wounded in this incident and hospitalized in three hospitals of the capital. Also, a large number of Mojahedin-e Khalq were arrested and sent to the regime's prisons.

As we informed our dear listeners last night, the mullahs' regime claimed that only one revolution guard, named Dehlavi, was killed. But reliable sources have pointed out that following the raid by mercenaries on the central committee headquarters of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization in north Tehran, in addition to members of this organization, a total of 5 revolution guards were killed and 16 were severely wounded.

CLANDESTINE: KGB HELPED TRACK DOWN KHIABANI

NC110842 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] Several sources of Khomeyni's antinational regime have published varying figures and contradictory reports on the armed struggle in Tehran on 8 February. Agencies have reported that (?trained) terrorist Mohsen Reza'i announced that 20 Mojahedin members were killed in the clash between members of the Mojahedin-e Khalq leadership and revolution guards. Meanwhile, the occupied PARS NEWS AGENCY, which the mullahs call the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC NEWS AGENCY, has reported that 22 were killed.

Trained terrorist Mohsen Reza'i, (?who is also commander) of the revolution guards, said that Musa Khiabani was killed while getting into an armored car.

Trained terrorist Mohsen Reza'i and other officials of the usurping, illegal and coupist clerical regime have not announced how they traced the Mojahedin to their headquarters.

Nevertheless, it is said that the intelligence and information organization of Israel and the Soviet KGB cooperated with SAVAMA, (?Khomeyni's intelligence organization). (?On the whole, reports) indicate in recent months that SAVAMA has intensified its activities within Iran. About 5 months ago it was announced that a number of intelligence and information experts of the Soviet KGB (?had been sent) to Tehran to organize and improve the Khomeyni's security forces. The Soviet experts' residential quarters was said to be the (?SAVAK headquarters used by SAVAMA), the terrifying intelligence and security organization of Khomeyni's regime. [passage indistinct]

According to REUTERS, Mojahedin leader Mas'ud Rajavi announced in Paris that a successor to Khiabani has been appointed and that he has begun carrying out his duties in Iran. Meanwhile, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has announced that the downfall of Khomeyni's regime [words indistinct] and that he (?considers) Khomeyni's regime as despotic and pitiless with (?bourgeois) tendencies.

BANI-SADR URGES IRANIANS TO OVERTHROW REGIME

LD101510 Paris Domestic Service in French 1400 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] The former Iranian president, Mr Bani-Sadr, has issued a message calling on the Iranians to overthrow the regime in Tehran which, in his opinion, has embarked on the same foreign policy course as that of the shah. He also asks them not to take part in the demonstrations due to be held to commemorate the third anniversary of the revolution.

20 INVOLVED IN BANI-SADR ESCAPE TO BE TRIED

LD091000 Tehran IRNA in English 0913 GMT 9 Feb 82

[Text] Tehran, 9 Feb (IRNA) -- Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammadi Reyshahri, the religious judge and head of the army's revolutionary courts, announced on Monday that approximately twenty people involved in the escape of the ousted President Bani-Sadr would be tried by the army's revolutionary courts within the next ten days.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Reyshahri, who was being interviewed by the evening daily ETTELA'AT, added that the details of how Bani-Sadr escaped and those involved in it were almost cleared. Those involved were stationed in Tehran's first fighter base and had all been arrested, he said.

Speaking on the activities of the army's revolutionary courts, Hojjat ol-Eslam Reyshahri said that the main responsibility of such tribunals was to identify plotters and thwart conspiracies of counterrevolutionaries, either members of the army or being connected with the armed forces and disciplinary forces.

The most important activity of the army tribunal so far had been the disclosure and thwarting of the Nowzheh coup plan, on July 9th, 1980, the head of the army tribunals said. Those involved in this plan, he added, had all been tried and sentenced to death.

KHOMEYNI URGES MUSLIMS TO STAND UP TO SUPERPOWERS

LD101600 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Speech by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to "foreign guests" on the occasion of the third anniversary of the Islamic revolution; time and place not given -- recorded, duration 32 minutes]

[Text] [passage indistinct] From here I raise my call saying Oh ye Muslims, Oh ye Muslims of the world, Oh ye governments who set claim to Islam, Oh ye Islamic nations of the world, come to the rescue of Islam, come to the rescue of the deprived people who are under the oppression of big powers, come to the rescue of these infant children who have lost their fathers and mothers, come to the rescue of those countries which have been subjected to invasion by superpowers, come to your own rescue, come to the rescue of your nations.

Oh ye Muslims of the world, great powers of the world (?through the powers which they have at their disposal) and through their propaganda and through the individuals in the Islamic countries who are dependent upon them will dominate everything which Islam possesses, indeed they have already dominated. Oh ye Muslims of the world, come to the rescue of Islam.

Oh ye Muslims of the world, Oh ye people who have come to Iran from many countries of the world and are meeting the Iranian people with your own eyes. Some of you have visited Iran before, tell the world what has happened in Iran at the hands of America and at the hands of the American lackey, Saddam. If you are not informed about Afghanistan, many of the people of Afghanistan and many of the respected individuals of Afghanistan are here and are living in Iran. Ask them what is happening in Afghanistan. Oh ye Muslims, come to the rescue of Islam.

The superpowers are against Islam. They (?see Islam in the East and the West) and realize that if 1 billion Muslims are united, life will become difficult for the superpowers in the world, their hands will be cut short. What has happened to Islam and what has happened to the leaders of the Muslims in that they are devoting all their efforts and all their (?hopes) for America? What has happened to them that they are presenting to America all the great Islamic resources which belong to the barefooted and oppressed nations? In response to all these gifts America supports Israel and says that we will not sell Israel for their sake.

What has happened to Muslims? Why should the Muslims be like this? Why should the Islamic propaganda organizations be used against those Muslims who wish to save themselves from foreign domination and from international plunderers? Why do they form fronts against Iran? What has Iran done? Why is it that some of the court mullahs excommunicate Iran?

The Koran says that if someone claims to be a Muslim, his claim should be accepted; he would not be rejected. What do they know of Islam? We are shouting that we are Muslims and that we wish to implement the teachings of the glorious Koran and the instructions of the noble prophet in this country.

We have even announced our opposition to America and Israel more than they have done. Yet their newspaper writes, their radio announcers accuse us of having friendly relations with Israel. Are we friendly toward Israel, or do those who know and see what Israel is doing to the Muslims, who see what Israel has done to Lebanon, who see what Israel is doing to Syria, annexing the Golan Heights, still wish to recognize it? Are we friendly with it while for over 20 years we have been shouting that the Muslims should get together and expel this cancerous cell from their midst, that they should get back Jerusalem and free Islamic countries from the present calamity? You who wish to recognize Israel [words indistinct]. How dare you stand up to God and wish to recognize the indomitable enemy of God and of Muslims and assist its domination and give it solace? Even if you recognize Israel it will not recognize you. You are sitting, waiting until, God forbid, it dominates all of you.

Oh ye Muslim nations, Oh ye deprived nations of Islamic countries, Oh beloved nations who are under the domination of certain individuals who plunder your resources and send them wherever they wish while you have to make a meager living with great difficulty, wake up, arise. Oh ye oppressed people of the world, arise and stand up to the superpowers, because if you stand up to them they will not be able to do anything.

You saw that the Muslim Iranian nation became united, arose together and with bare hands, without any weapons, confronted that great, satanic power of Mohammad Reza and the superpowers which were assisting him, pushed him out and put an end to that corrupt government and to that illegal, corrupt monarchy through the power of their faith and with the call of "God is great."

They replaced it with an Islamic government. The government which is now in power in Iran is an Islamic government; it is a government which supports the oppressed people and the downtrodden of the world. See what this nation achieved, even though it possessed neither material, nor physical nor military power, it had the power of faith. If you assist God, the almighty, the all-blessed, he will assist you. If you assist God, he will assist you and will strengthen your steps. [Koranic verse]

Assisting God means assisting His servants, means assisting the oppressed people. If you stand up to the oppressors and if you try to take away from them what belongs to the oppressed people, if you stand up against the superpowers which wish to rule over you -- they come from the other side of the world, America comes from the other side of the planet and comes here and wishes to rule over us and bring us and you and everyone under its domination and plunder our resources -- and unfortunately some of the governments agree with it, some go even further. [sentence as heard]

Today, Islam is suppressed and the Koran is ignored. Today, Islam and the Koran have been forsaken. The fact that you chant the call to prayer from the minarets or that you say your prayers does not excuse you from performing the political obligations imposed upon you by Islam. Of course, the chanting of the Koran and the observance of Koranic injunctions in all aspects of life are necessary, but they are enough [as heard].

The Koran should be present in all aspects of our lives. When the Koran says: "Hold ye fast to the rope of God and do not be divided," or "do not fight among yourselves for you will be scattered and your strength will be reduced," you have ignored these progressive political teachings which if followed would make you masters of the world. The Koran should enter into every aspect of life. The Koran should be chanted, mention of the Koran should be made everywhere, the Koran should enter all our human activities; yet, the difficulty is that at times it is observed and at times it is ignored. The difficulty is about the ignoring of political teachings. The Koran orders you to fight against those who fight against Muslims, and today Israel is confronting the Muslims and is waging wars against them. America is confronting the Muslims and is fighting them. Saddam, this American mercenary, is confronting the Muslims and is waging war. God has ordered us to fight against those who have arisen against the Muslims or against a group of Muslims.

Saddam claims that he is peace-loving. He has usurped the eastern [as heard] and western part of our country and says that he is a lover of peace. On this basis, Israel is also peace-loving. Israel has usurped the Golan Heights and has aggressed against a group of Muslims, yet it also says that it is peace-loving. Even America says that it is a peace-loving country. All the superpowers say that they wish peace to exist in the world, while all the wars which happen in the world are of their instigation. Saddam says he is peace-loving but he has attacked another Islamic country. Now you can see what that ignoble man has done to another Islamic country.

The issue does not concern Iran at all, this issue concerns the whole world. All the Muslims of the world are involved. Islam is the issue. Even if all of us are destroyed, Islam should remain. The true followers of God sacrificed their lives for Islam. The prophet of Islam suffered more than anyone else for the sake of Islam, yet we are wasting all the sufferings of the prophet of Islam.

I hope you gentlemen who have come to Iran from various countries will take the message of this deprived nation to all parts of the world. You should tell the world that this country is not the frightful country which American and Zionist propaganda have portrayed. Despite this short time and despite all the blockades and difficulties, the government has done more in this short time for the oppressed and deprived people than was done during the 50 years of American domination. During the past 50 years the former regime did not do what has been done in this short time, in finding water and land, in laying pipes and in paving the roads. Yet they accuse us of destroying the country.

I hope that you will return in health and well-being to your own homelands and will tell them about Islam, although the big powers do not allow such things to be broadcast on the mass media. Yet, in your interviews and in your contacts you should tell them that Iran is peace-loving. Even now Iran says that Saddam should get out of this country and an international organization should come and study his guilt and crimes. We have no war against the Iraqi nation or the Iraqi Government. They attacked us, the Iraqi Government attacked us, but was smashed. Thank God, it was defeated in the world and its defeat cannot be reversed by the assistance of Jordan, Morocco or America.

I beseech God Almighty, the all-blessed, for the well-being of all Muslims and for the power of Islam, for the health and well-being of you beloved friends and of these young children, who make one very sad to see them. I beseech God Almighty to bless all the martyrs of the early days of Islam.

May God's peace and blessings be upon you.

VELAYATI MEETS PALESTINIAN, SAHARAN AMBASSADORS

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[Text] Salah az-Zawawi, PLO ambassador in Tehran, met with Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Velayati today. During the meeting, Dr Velayati stressed the importance of the Muslims' struggle to liberate Palestine.

(Ma'ol 'Aynayn as-Sadiq), ambassador of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic to the Islamic Republic of Iran, also met with Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Velayati. During the meeting, the Saharan ambassador invited Dr Velayati to visit the Western Sahara.

TEHRAN QUESTIONS U.S. ARMS AID TO GULF STATES

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[Unattributed commentary: "Why Is America Extending Unilateral Aid to Aligned Middle East Regimes?"]

[Text] U.S. Secretary of Defense Weinberger has offered unilateral military assistance to Arab states in the Persian Gulf. It will be recalled that following the success of the Iranian Islamic revolution, the world-devouring United States extended arms aid to reactionary and pro-Western regimes in the region on several occasions. It now seems that it intends to continue to do so in the future as well. There are, of course, numerous reasons for the aid. The most important reasons are that the Iranian Islamic Republic has upset the military balance between the superpowers in the Persian Gulf and Islamic movements are spreading throughout the world. Having had enough of the incorrect, [word indistinct] policies of aligned rulers, the Muslim masses of the region are joining Islamic movements in order to free themselves from the captivity of the oppressive regimes governing them.

The first move the West made in response to the Islamic movement after the fall of the shah's regime was to arm reactionary regimes from head to toe. It will be recalled that following the success of the Iranian Islamic revolution, U.S. under secretaries, military experts and delegations began moving into reactionary countries in the region and concluding arms agreements under the pretext of defending the territorial integrity and political sovereignty of the regimes in these countries.

However, another reason for Weinberger's offer of unilateral arms aid to Arab states in the region is the victories Islamic troops have achieved at the battlefronts. The surprising superiority of the Islamic Republic's military forces against Iraqi troops in the war that has been imposed on Iran has disturbed the sweet dreams of imperialism and its reactionary supporters.

Under the pretext that Iran will threaten other countries in the region after it has achieved final victory against Iraq, the United States has reached agreements with reactionary regimes and aligned rulers and has begun supplying abundant quantities of arms to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and other pro-Western, reactionary regimes in the Persian Gulf.

The reason for all this is that -- according to U.S. policy -- peace, security and stability in the Middle East are against U.S. interests in the region. The United States prefers that regimes in the region gain stability before peace is established in the Middle East. It is trying to safeguard the stability of these regimes through mutual agreements.

However, the political stability of these regimes is giving way to more U.S. activity in the region. The arms and military aid to the countries of the region make the reactionary regimes recall the downfall of the shah of Iran.

It also makes them think about the kind of fate that awaits them. Nevertheless, the United States continues to give hope to the countries of the region in an effort to alleviate their fears.

It is worth mentioning that the United States and the reactionary rulers, which are against the masses in the region, are steadily increasing their efforts to exploit the wealth of the oppressed Muslim peoples. We are witnessing the protests of the peoples of these countries against U.S. policies in the region. Just as Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Islamic revolution and father of the Iranian Islamic Republic has said, we hope that the Arab states and regimes in the region will pull themselves together and remain loyal to Islam, the Koran and their nations instead of aligning themselves with the United States.

They must be told that they should turn to their nation and not betray their own people. They must realize that the United States never agrees to anything that is not in its interest. In view of this, let us hope that the regimes of Muslim countries will turn to the exalted Islamic culture and have faith in the strength of the Islamic community.

TEHRAN ASSAILS WEINBERGER'S GULF VISIT

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] News agencies reported today that the U.S. defense secretary has met with the ruling tribal members of the Peninsula like Fahd the subservient, Sa'ud al-Faysal and Sultan, and that he has discussed with them current events in the Islamic region.

Besides the visit of Saddam's envoy Taha Yasin Ramadan, these visits paid by U.S. officials like the U.S. secretary of state [as heard], the defense secretary, congressmen and Pentagon officials, have given the Saudi capital a special characteristic. Riyadh has become the site of connivance and plotting against all Muslim peoples, particularly against the holy Islamic revolution of Iran.

The purpose of Weinberger's visit is to assert the U.S. concern over sustaining its interests in the region and protecting them from the revolution of the great Islam. Hence, we see that military treaties and agreements are a subject of top priority on the list of discussions.

The recent ratification of the AWACS deal worth $8.5 billion to the ruling tribe in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf states' participation with the Saudi regime in the AWACS reconnaissance show the great fear and panic that has stricken the Americans and their stooges in Riyadh. This was clearly manifested in the statement made by the Saudi minister of war following his meeting with his American master. He said that he had discussed with Weinberger the dangers posed to the Persian Gulf by Iran, ways of safeguarding the security of the Gulf and the issue of surrendering to the Zionist enemy. This mad announcement comes at a time when it has become clear that the Iran of the Islamic revolution, of progress and of the holy Islamic jihad has become a thorn in the eye of the enemies of Islam and those who hold a grudge against Islam, like Sultan ibn 'Abd al-'Aziz, Fahd and the rest of the tribal members.

The danger which Sultan talks about incessantly is the Islamic danger and the danger of the eruption of the Islamic revolution. These people have forgotten the Zionist danger that has been threatening the Islamic nation and Muslim peoples for over 30 years. They have forgotten that Israel is the main source of danger posed to the Islamic nation and that Israel instills fears through its aggressiveness, arrogance and ferocity. However, they cannot forget that the real danger to the thrones of tyrants, treachery and stooges is Islam.

These stooges have succumbed to the Zionist enemy and have presented a plan of treachery and disgrace to it, begging it to accept that plan. They have described the United States as their true friend and lover while the United States supports the Zionist entity with all its might and insolence at the UN Security Council. These stooges have laid their territories, sea and air ports open to the U.S. forces and have made an arsenal for U.S. arms and military equipment in the Arabian Peninsula in order for the United States to use them in an attack against our Muslim peoples. Why do these stooges fear the threat of the United States, the Zionist entity and the East and West? Why do they fear the threat of the enemy when they have become its slave carrying out its orders to the letter? The danger lies in Islam alone, because the Islam that overthrew the thrones of tyrant predecessors is capable of overthrowing thrones and palaces today.

The recent meeting of lackeys that was held in Riyadh between the rulers of Baghdad, the Arabian Peninsula and the United States will bear a bitter fruit which will ultimately be harvested by those dwarf rulers. "They plot and God plots, and God is the best plotter." [Koranic verse]

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 786

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[Communique 786 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Three years of heroism, self-sacrifice and devotion have passed in the trenches of the eternal fight between truth and falsehood in the hope that in the light of the blessings of the Almighty and the attention of the lord of the era, may the Almighty hasten his noble advent, the Islamic homeland of Iran would become a base for the emission of the light of success to all the dark lands in the East and West. We congratulate the rightful deputy of the lord of the era, His Eminence Imam Khomeyni, the martyr-nurturing Iranian nation and all the world's Muslims and oppressed people on the revolution's anniversary.

According to a report from the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at 1032 today two aggressive Iraqi aircraft were hit by the fighters of the air force north of Ahvaz and were downed.

The combatants of the ground forces, the brothers from the Guards Corps and the other popular forces in the Chazzabeh area, continuing their intense clashes with the enemy, opened heavy-weapon fire on the aggressors and inflicted considerable losses upon them, preventing any movement. The number of those captured -- those evacuated behind the front in the area -- is reported at 18.

In the past 24 hours in the southern Karkheh Kur area, two vehicles and two ammunition dumps of the enemy were set on fire and a number of Iraqi servicemen were killed.

In western Dezful, our forces, returning enemy fire, are defending their positions.

In the areas of Tarrah and the north of [words indistinct] with complete superiority are defending their defensive positions.

In the Abadan area the combatants of Islam have managed to kill or wound at least 20 Iraqi servicemen, set fire to a number of infantry trenches; and destroy a gun belonging to them [as heard].

As a result of artillery fire by the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran on enemy positions in Biarreh in Iraq, losses and casualties were inflicted on Iraqi servicemen.

In the Meymak area, exchanges of fire have continued. Two vehicles of the aggressor were destroyed and their occupants were killed. In Sumar, our forces' fire destroyed several enemy slit trenches and foxholes.

In the former [as heard] Shur-e Shirin, our gendarmerie heroes set on fire one ammunition dump and several personnel trenches of Saddam's army. Enemy losses in the Sar-e Pol-e Zahab area were two tanks and two vehicles.

In the Gilan-e Gharb area some enemy ammunition was destroyed and several vehicles were damaged.

Yesterday evening our heroic forces in Tang-e Hajiyan managed to seize a quantity of the enemy's weapons and ammunition as spoils of war.

In the course of operations carried out an February, six beloved brothers from the Ground Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran joined eternity. May their souls rest in peace.

IRNA REPORTS 6-7 FEB GUERRILLA RAID INTO IRAQ

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[Text] Tehran, 10 Feb (IRNA) -- Seventy-one Iraqi soldiers were killed and several others were wounded in the Ilam fronts of Dasht-e Abbas and 'Eyn Khosh when the Islamic defenders demolished three enemy group bunkers over the 24 hours preceding Wednesday.

Reports from Ilam also indicated that considerable casualties were inflicted upon the enemy when a guerrilla group of the Islamic revolutionary guards penetrated Iraqi regions Opkut and Baqsai, 60 kms from the western border town of Malekshahi, Ilam Province during the last Saturday and Sunday.

The report added that the guerrilla group killed ten Iraqi soldiers, destroying three personnel-carrying vehicles, one command jeep and one rallying building of the Iraqi forces during this operation. These Islamic combatants returned to their base safely after this victorious operation.

AFP: IRAQI OFFICIALS REFUSE TO GO TO FRONT

NC101230 Paris AFP in English 1206 GMT 10 Feb 82

[Text] Tehran, 10 Feb (AFP) -- Seventy Iraqi Government officials, including Planning Minister Taha Ibrahim al-'Abdallah, have been dismissed for refusing to go to the war front, the Iraqi Ad-Da'wah opposition movement said here today.

A communique published in the English-language newspaper KEYHAN INTERNATIONAL added that several senior Ba'th Party members had been arrested recently on the same charge.

The statement said that educational affairs faculty rector Khash Ma'azidi and President Saddam Husayn's press advisor Sabah Salman were among those dismissed.

President Husayn asked Ba'th members three weeks ago to leave for the front, Ad-Da'wah said. When many refused, they were arrested, sent by force to the front and had their houses and furniture seized, the statement added.

The opposition party also said the Iraqi head of state had sent military delegations to several countries, including Kuwait, to force expatriates to go to the front.

Ad-Da'wah, citing reports from the Arab emirates, but not giving a date, said that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait had granted 18,000 million dollars of aid to Iraq and that an additional 30,000 million dollars will soon be granted.

INSTALLMENT ON JAPANESE LOAN TO IJPC PAID

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[Text] The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has paid Japanese banks 13 billion yen of the principal and interest on the loans to the Iranian-Japanese Petrochemical Complex. During an interview with a Central News Unit correspondent today, the deputy oil minister in charge of petrochemicals said: These loans were received by the Iranian-Japanese Petrochemical Complex under the former regime, with repayment guaranteed by the national petrochemical company and the Iranian Government. The first repayment installment was due today, 10 February. The above amount was sent to Japanese banks 2 days ago.

According to a Central News Unit report, the national petrochemical company of Iran is currently making preparations for the third round of talks in Tehran with the Japanese partners in the Iranian-Japanese Petrochemical Complex in Bandar-e Imam Khomeyni. These talks, which will focus on the continuation of this project and making up for the losses inflicted on it as a result of the war, will be held in Tehran in the near future.

NVOI CAUTIONS AGAINST RENEWAL OF U.S. TIES

TA092100 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 9 Feb 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Washington's Satanic Policy"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The Reagan administration is seeking ways to establish diplomatic relations with our Islamic Republic. When Mr Velayati was staying in New York in order to participate in the UN General Assembly session, such an issue was raised in some manner and implicitly by the Americans. The Americans are talking about the establishment of diplomatic relations at a time when they are still engaged in plotting against our Islamic Republic. The Americans have unleashed an extensive psychological war against revolutionary homeland so that by this means they would attract some of the countries of the Near East and Asia in implementing their satanic plans. Everyday one can see provocative (?articles) in the pages of American newspapers for exerting pressure on these countries and for their participation in subversive activities against our homeland.

By inciting Iraq in imposing an aggressive war on our homeland the Americans now want to have Jordan also participate in this aggression. Therefore, what is America's aim when it talks about the establishment of diplomatic relations with Iran? U.S. Secretary of State Haig says: We intend to pursue such a policy that would lead to the establishment of a moderate regime compatible with the interests and values of the United States. The calculation of the Americans is that by establishing diplomatic relations with Iran they would reopen their den of espionage in Tehran, implement their plots against the Islamic Republic's system more easily, bring to power a traitor like Bani-Sadr and revive in our country a system similar to the despised Aryamehri system. This, in fact, is a satanic plot. But, however the Americans may be deceitful and cunning, their plans have already been exposed and the Iranian people have read their hands.

Imam Khomeyni has repeatedly stated that he is not prepared to normalize relations with world-devouring America. By following this line of the imam in New York, Mr Velayati rejected any possibility of the establishment of Iran-U.S. diplomatic relations. He stressed that he does not intend to establish contact with responsible U.S. officials.

At the same time the Americans have intensified their subversive activities within our homeland. In order to carry out this plot they have at their disposal an extensive network comprising certain individuals in the administrative and military organizations and the bazaar's satanic circles. The organizers of the plot, by utilizing this network and also by exploiting economic difficulties and deprivations, intend to render the revolution, and above all its anti-imperialist aspect, without content.

The elements of imperialism who constantly raise anti-Soviet slogans, and also by distorting the slogan of "Neither East nor West," are striving to separate our nation and its revolution from its real friends in the international arena.

The danger of infiltration of counterrevolutionary elements who have penetrated into administrative organizations and who everyday prevent in some manner the unity of the true followers of the imam's line is not slight. Initially they intend to weaken and disperse the ranks of the genuine and true forces of the revolution and later to eliminate them, and to prepare the ground for the liberals' assumption of power.

It is here that the link of the ruses of the counterrevolution within the country and of America abroad is connected in the form of the establishment of diplomatic relations with the United States.

One should always recall the imam's remarks during the dismissal of the traitor Bani-Sadr and in connection with the danger of the infiltration of U.S. dregs into the ranks of the revolution's institutions. The imam said: Through inexperience we neglected the revolutionary duties that should have been carried out at the outset of the revolution, and this negligence is the reason for the difficulties that we are now facing. We will continue to face these difficulties unless we compensate in a revolutionary manner.

It is very obvious that revolutionary vigilance should be redoubled, whether in connection with world-devouring America, this great Satan, or in respect to the dregs of the former regime and America's masked and unmasked elements within and in the vicinity of our liberated homeland.

SOVIET PARATROOPERS RAID AFGHAN PROVINCE

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[Text] Afghan mujahidin in their assault against a Soviet military column in Parvan Province, in another part of the northern part of Afghanistan, were able to destroy about 80 military vehicles and tanks and killed 32 of the Soviet forces.

Following this attack, a group of Soviet paratroopers raided the aforementioned area and in this process they captured and imprisoned 160 of the people of this area.